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20th October 2023

Head Teacher's Message

Dear parents/carers/families

I am not quite sure where that half term went. I am writing this as the weather has turned decidedly autumnal, almost going from summer to winter in one go. We are now seven weeks into this first term and I know that everyone is ready for a break. I love the colours at this time of the year along with the crisp autumnal air. I hope that all families are able to enjoy some of the autumn colours over the coming week.

We completed our open events on Wednesday. A huge thank you to all students involved in touring prospective students around the school. You have done an amazing job. On Thursday we held our 6th form open evening as year 11 students in schools across the borough and beyond look at what opportunities are available for them post-16. It is now widely understood that all young people have to stay in education or training to the age of 18.

We welcomed parents/carers of year 10 students into school last week for an informative evening for them setting out our expectations for them over their 2 year course. This week we have also held assemblies led by the student council. In addition, Ms Makepeace has led assemblies based on our expectations of young people in respect of their behaviours - both in and out of school.

Future dates

There is an INSET day on Monday 27 November 2023. Students are not in school that day. We return to school after half term on Monday 30 October 2023 at the normal time. It will be Week B when we return.

Matthew Brown, Head Teacher

Attendance

Dear Parents/carers,

Please remind students that, if they are late for any reason, they must come and sign in in room 1B. It is really important to know who is, and is not in the school for health and safety reasons. Students must sign out at reception if they are leaving the school during school hours. Additionally, absences of sickness over three days must medical evidence. Absence beyond three days will be marked as unauthorised. Please send medical evidence to sme@blackfen.bexley.sch.uk

and finally:

Please contact the absence line before 09.00 for EVERY DAY of sickness.
Thank you

Mrs McGee
Attendance Officer

Spotlight on Essential Cinema Club

Essential Cinema – every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month



This regular after-school club will explore cinema's innate ability to educate, thrill and leave audiences with powerful and enduring memories – because we never forget a brilliant film!

The very best films are those that, even if remote and fantastical, are somehow rooted in our own inner and outer experiences, or our developing understanding of the world.

Essential Cinema will explore these memorable and provocative films across all genres, eras, and cultures. The films on offer are highly regarded, both within the film industry and by cinema audiences.

When and Where?

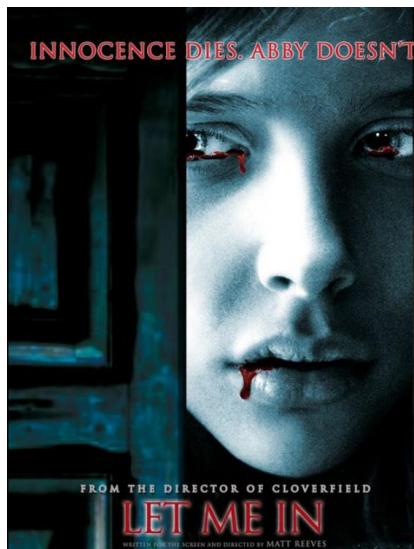
On the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, 3.15-5.15pm. Essential Cinema is open to all students in Key Stages 4 & 5. Films will be mostly 12 or 15 Certificate with some 'adult content' as defined by the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification). Some moderate-content 18 Certificate films might be chosen with discretion. If you have any questions or concerns about content for your

child, please let me know. Films will be advertised in advance through Teams Pages and other student access points, and also through the school newsletter.

First two films.

Thursday 2nd November: 'V for Vendetta' (15)

Thursday 16th November: 'Let Me In' (15)



The dark and stylized 'V for Vendetta' is a visually exhilarating, provocative and disturbing look at the 'what-if' of totalitarianism in a future Britain

Superior take on the child vampire genre that will have you squirming in your seat. 'Let Me In' doesn't rely on jump scares, just pure tension.

Mr Valente
Teacher of English

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Events scheduled so far this term

DATE	EVENT
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October 2023	Half Term
Thursday 9 th November 2023	Black History Month event
Monday 13 th November 2023	Jack Petchey Speak Out event
Wednesday 22 nd November 2023	Challenge Day 1
Monday 27 th November 2023	Staff Inset Day – students not in school
Thursday 7 th December 2023	Year 13 Parents Evening Ski Trip Information Evening
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th December 2023	Achievement Assemblies
Thursday 21 st December 2023	End of Term – early finish
Friday 22nd December 2023 – Friday 5th January 2024	Christmas Holiday
Monday 8 th January 2024	Spring Term starts